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Responsive to the Office Action dated June 8, 2006 in the patent application identified above, please enter the following amendment. Please reconsider the application in light of the amendment and the appended remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.